THE
Lawes, Orders,
AND
STATUTES,

Authorized and appointed for the Citizens of *London*, Concerning the price of all kind of Provisions, both for Meat, Butter, Cheese, Fish, Poultery, and other kind of Victuals; to be observed and kept in all publick Markets, throughout the Cities of *London*, and *Westminster*, Borough of *Southwark*, and parts adjacent.

With the several Rules and Orders, touching Butchers, Victuallers, and Inn-keepers. And the Fines, and Penalties, that are to be inflicted upon all persons, that shall act contrary to the Laws of the Market herein published.

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The Lawes of the Market.

FIrſt, in all the Markets of this City, no Victual ſhall be ſold, but by the price ſet by the Mayor of this City.

2. No man ſhall foreſtall any Victual comming to the Market, as for to buy in any Inn or other privie place, or yet comming to the Market, whether it be found in the hands of the buyer or of the ſeller, under paine of forfeiture of the ſame: and no In-holder ſhall ſuffer any thing to be ſold in his houſe, upon pain of forfeiture of 40. s.

3. No man ſhall regrate any Victual which is in the Market, or buy any Victual to ingrate in the Market, ſo that the Commons can or may have any part of ſuch Victual, as in eſpecial ſuch as be known for Hucksters, or other people, occupying their living by ſuch Victual as they would ſo ingroſſe, under pain of forfeiture of ſuch Victual ſo regrated: Provided alwayes, that any Steward for any noble Feaſt may buy or ingrate ſuch Victual as is convenient for the ſame feaſt.

4. No Butter ſhall be ſould but according to the weight for the time of the year allowed.

5. No Poulters shall deceiveably occupy the Market, to sell any stale Victual, or such as be Poulters of this City, for to stand in strange Cloathing to to do, under pain of 40. s. and the forfeiture of such Victual.

6. No Huckſters shall stand or sit in the Market, but in the lower place and the ends of the Market, to the intent they may be perfectly known, and the Stranger-Market-people have the preheminence of the Market, under pain of 3. s. 4. d. if the Huckſters disobey the same.

7. No unwholsome or stale Victual shall be sold under pain of 40. s. and forfeiture of the same Victual.

The Statutes of the Streets of this City, against Noysances.

FIrst, No man shall sweep the filth of the street into the Channel of the City, in time of any rain, or at any other time, under pain of 6. s. 8. d.

2. No man shall cast, or lay in the Streets, Dogs, Cats, or other Carrion, or any noysome thing, contagious of Aire. Nor no Inholder shall lay out dung out of his house, but if the Cart be ready to carry the same away incontinently, under pain of 40. s.

3. No Brewer shall cast, wilfully, Dregs, or drosse of Ale or Beer into the Channel, under pain of 2. s.

4. No man shall encumber the Streets with timber, stones, Carts or such like, under pain of forfeiture of the same thing that so encumbereth the Streets, which is twenty shillings fine, if he remove it not at the warning of the Sergant of the Market.

5. Every builder of houses ought to come to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlaine for a special license for hourd of, by him to be made in the high Street, and no builder to encumber the Streets with any manner of thing taken down for the preparing of his new building, under pain of forty shillings, except he make a hourd of forty shillings.

6. No man shall set any Carts in the Streets by night-time, under the pain of 12. d. and recompence to such persons as shall be hurt thereby, if any such be, 12. d.

7. No Budge-man shall lead but two Horses, and he shall not let them go unled, under pain of 2. s.

8. No man shall ride, or drive his Car or Cart a trot in the Street, but patiently, under pain of 2. s.

9. No

9. No man shall Gallop his horse in the Street, under pain of 2. s.

10. No man shall shoot in the Street for wager or otherwise, under like pain of 2. s.

11. No man shall bowl, or cast any stone in the Street, for wager or gain, or such like, under pain of 2. s.

12. No man shall digge any hole in the Street for any matter, except he stop it up again, under pain of 2. s. and recompence to any person hurt thereby, 2. s.

13. No man shall bury any dung or goung within the Libe tyes of this City, under pain of 40. s.

14. No Goung-fermer shall carry any Ordure till after 9 of the Clock in the night, under pain of thirteen shillings four pence.

15. No Goung-fermer shall spill any Ordure in the Street, under pain of 13. s. 4. d.

16. No man shall bait, Bull, Bear, or Horse in the open street, under pain of 20. s.

17. No man shall have any Kine, Goats, Hogs, Pigs, Hens, Cocks, Capons, or Ducks in the open Street, under pain of forfeiting them.

18. No man shall maintain any biting Curs, or mad Dogs in the Streets, under pain of 2. s. and recompence unto every partie hurt therewith 2. s.

19. No Carts that shall be shod with Spig-nayle, that shall come upon the Streets of this City, under pain of 3. s. 4. d.

20. No Carts using daily carriage within this City, nor Car, shall have wheels shod with any Iron, but bare, under pain of 6. s.

21. No man shall burn any straw, rushes, or other thing, linnen, or wollen, in the Streets by night, or by day, under pain of 3. s. 4. d.

22. No man shall blow any horn in the night within this City, or whistle after the hour of nine of the Clock in the night, under pain of imprisonment.

23. No man shall use to go with Vizards, or disguised by night, under like paine of imprisonment.

24. Made that night-walkers and Euesdroppers, like punishment.

25. No hammer-man, as a Smith, a Pewterer, a Founder, and all Artificers, making a great sound, shall work after the hour of nine in the night, nor afore the hour of four in the morning, under pain of 3. s. 4. d.

26. No man shall cast into the Ditches of this City, or the Sewers of this City, without the Walls, or into the walls, grates, or gullets of this City, any manner of Carrion, stinking flesh, rotten fish, or any rub-

bish,

biſh, dung, ſand, gravel, weeds, ſtones, or any other thing, to ſtop the courſe of the ſame, under pain of cleanſing thereof, at his own coſt and charge, under pain of impriſonment.

27. No man ſhall make any wided rawtes in any of the Town Ditches or the Town gullets, under pain of 20. *s.*

28. No man ſhall build nigh the walls of the City, without licenſe of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlaine, under pain of throwing down the ſame, and no licenſe may be granted, except that the Chamberlaine freely at all times convenient and needfull for ingreſſe and entry, outgoing, and clear recourſe.

29. No man ſhall go in the Streets by night or by day, with bow bent or Arrows under his Girdle, nor with ſword unſcabberd, under pain of impriſonment: or with hand-gun, having therewith powder and match, except it be in an uſual May-game or ſight.

30. No man ſhall after the hour of nine at the night, keep any rule whereby any ſuch ſudden out-cry be made in the ſtill of the night, as making any affray, or beating his Wife, or Servant, or ſinging, or reviling in his houſe, to the diſturbance of his Neighbours, under pain of 3. *s.* 4. *d.*

31. No man ſhall make any affray upon any Officer, which with good demeanor doth his meſſage by Commandement of the Lord Mayor, or any Alderman, or M. Sheriffs, or M. Chamberlain, or miſ-behave himſelf in any rayling upon any Judge of this City, or their Officers, which by Commandement are ſent to bring any breaker of this Law & Cuſtom to ward, or to diſtreſſe, or ſuch like, upon pain of impriſonment of forty dayes, and forfeiture of the double penalty, for the offences aſſeaſing: railing upon any Alderman or Mayor in his Office, is judgement of the Pillory: rayling upon Maſter Chamberlain in his Office, forty dayes impriſonment: beating, threatning, and rayling on an Officer is impriſonment, after as the treſpaſſe is.

32. *Memorandum*, That every offence found in this City, it is accuſtomed that the Officer, a Freeman finding it, which is called *Primus Inventor*, hath half the penalty by the grace of the Court.

33. Alſo every Freeman may find any offence, but he hath no power to bring the party before any Judge of this City, without an Officer, except the party will come to his anſwer by free will.

34. No man hath power to arreſt, attach, or make diſtreſſe of any goods forfeitable, or offences, except a Conſtable or Sergeant of the Mace.

35. No

35. No Butcher or his Servant ſhall uſe to drive any Oxe or Oxen a trot in the Streets, but peaceably, and if an Oxe happen to be let goe, when he is prepared to ſlaughter, the Butcher ſhall forfeit 2. *s.* beſides recompence, if any perſon be hurt thereby.

36. No Butcher ſhall ſcald Hogs, but in the common ſcalding houſe, upon pain of 6. *s.* 8. *d.*

37. No Butcher ſhall ſell any meaſel Hog, or unwholſome fleſh, under pain of 10. *l.*

38. No Butcher ſhall ſell any old ſtale Victual: that is to ſay, above the ſlaughter of three dayes in the Winter, and two in the Summer, under pain of 10. *l.*

39. None unreaſonable Victual for all manner of Victuals.

40. No Victualar of this City ſhall give any rude or unfitting language, or make any clamor upon any man or woman in the open Market, for cheapening of Victual, under pain of 3. *s.* 4. *d.*

41. No Butcher ſhall caſt the inwards of Beaſts into the Streets, cleaves of Beaſts feet, bones, hornes of Sheep, or other ſuch like, under pain of 2. *s.*

42. The pudding Cart of the Shambles ſhall not goe afore the hour of nine in the night, or after the hour of five in the morning, under pain of 6. *s.* 8. *d.*

43. No man ſhall caſt any Urine boles, or Ordure boles into the Streets by day or night, afore the hour of nine in the night: and alſo he ſhall not caſt it out, but bring it down, and lay it in the Channel under the pain of 3. *s.* 4. *d.* And if he do caſt it upon any perſons head, the party to have a lawful recompence, if he have hurt thereby.

44. No man ſhall hurt, cut, or deſtroy any Pipes, Seſperalls, or wind-vents, pertaining to the *Conduit*, under pain of impriſonment, and making ſatisfaction, though he doth it out of the City, if he may be taken within the City.

45. No man within this City may make any Quill, and break any pipe of the *Conduit*, comming through his houſe, or nigh his ground, under pain of the Pillory, or take any water privily unto his houſe.

46. Caſting any corrupt thing, appoyſoning the water, is Lourgulary and Felony.

47. Whoſoever deſtroy or periſh any Cocks of the Conduit, muſt have impriſonment and make ſatisfaction.

Old Lawes and Customes of this City.

NO man shall set up Shop, or occupy as a Freeman, afore he be sworn in the Chamber of *London*, and admitted by the Chamberlain, under pain of

48. No man shall set over his Apprentise to any other person, but by license of M. Chamberlain, and there to be set over under pain

49. No man which is a Forrain shall buy or sell within the Liberties of this City, with another Forrain, under pain of forfeiture of the goods so Forrain bought and sold.

50. No Freeman shall be disobedient for to come at M. Chamberlains commandment, to any summons to him given by any Officer of the Chamber, under pain of imprisonment.

51. M. Chamberlain hath power to send a Freeman to Ward, so that he incontinently after send to the Lord Mayor the cause why that he is punished, so that the Lord Mayor release him not, but by the Chamberlains assent: and if he be a great Commoner, and disobeying to the Chamberlain, M. Chamberlain may refer it to a Court of Aldermen.

M. Chamberlain hath Authority for to send or command any Apprentise to the Counter for their Offences: and if their offences be great, as in defiling their Masters houses by vicious living, or offending his Master by theft, or dis-slaunder, or such like, then to command him to *Newgate*.

Apprentise enroled, his Master payeth 2. s. 6. d.

Apprentise set over, he that receiveth 2. s.

Apprentise made free, he payeth four shillings.

Apprentise never enroled, and made Free, his Master payeth 13. s. 4. d.

A man made Free by his Fathers Copy, payeth 18. d.

A Proclamation made in the time of the Mayoralty of Sir *Michael Dormer* Knight.

An Act of Common Councell, made in the Event of S. *Michael*, *Anno Regni Henrici Octavi*, 31. That no person should lay any wares in the Street, or beyond the edge of their Stall, upon pain of forfeiture the first time 6. s. 8. d. the second time, 13. s. 4. d. and the third time the Ware so laid.

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